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SUBJ: JUNE 27 DUBLIN MEETING OF EC MIDDLE EAST EXPERTS

1. BEGIN SUMMARY: JUNE 27 MEETING OF EC MIDDLE EAST EXPERTS GROUP

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WAS A GENERAL DISCUSSION OF CURRENT STATE OF PLAY IN ME AND NO

DECISIONS WERE TAKEN NOR WERE RECOMMENDATIONS MADE TO GOVERNMENTS. END SUMMARY

2. SEAN WHELAN, FIRST SECRETARY OF IRISH DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS WHO CHAIRED JUNE 27 MEETING IN DUBLIN OF MIDDLE EAST EXPERTS GROUP, BRIEFED US ON THE SUBSTANCE OF THE MEETING. WHELAN SAID THAT THE OBJECTIVE OF EC-9 EXPERTS WAS TO EXAMINE HOW THE NINE MIGHT CONTRIBUTE IN SOME WAY TO THE REALIZATION OF A SETTLEMENT IN THE MIDDLE EAST. ONE QUESTION THEY CONSIDERED WAS THAT OF "GUARANTEES" FOR SETTLEMENT. THEY NOTED TECHNICAL, FINANCIAL, LEGAL AND POLITICAL PROBLEMS, BUT THEY FOUND IT DIFFICULT TO GET SPECIFIC SINCE IT WAS NOT POSSIBLE TO KNOW THE EXACT TERMS OF ANY SETTLEMENT THAT MAY EVENTUALLY BE REACHED. IN THIS CONTEXT THEY DISCUSSED POSSIBILITY OF FOUR POWER (US, UK, FRANCE, USSR) PEACE-KEEPING FORCE AS WELL AS SECURITY COUNCIL GUARANTEE, BUT NO DECISION WAS REACHED.

3. EXPERTS GROUP ALSO CONSIDERED QUESTION OF REAFFIRMATION OF NOVEMBER 1973 EC DECLARATION ON ME. THEY NOTED THAT DECLARATION WOULD NEED SOME MINOR MODIFICATIONS TO BRING IT UP TO DATE, BUT THEY DID NOT GET INTO THE PRINCIPLES INVOLVED, SINCE THEY FELT THIS ASPECT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AT THE POLITICAL LEVEL IN GOVERNMENTS.

4. ONE VERY IMPORTANT ELEMENT IN THE DISCUSSIONS, WHELAN SAID, WAS FACT THAT EXPERTS DID NOT KNOW WHAT NEGOTIATIONS ARE CURRENTLY TAKING PLACE, AND THERE WAS A UNANIMOUS FEELING THAT NOTHING SHOULD BE DONE TO INTERFERE WITH US EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE A SETTLEMENT.
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